

**Stowe Free Library
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
April 10th, 2024**

Present: K.Spear, C.Maison Kastner, S.Colvano, S.Gaines, K.Kaufman, L.Polk
(Director)

Absent: A.Colvato, B.Mullin

Call to order: 4:03 pm

Minutes: Approved as read.

Treasurers Report: The Operating Account contains \$33,383.81, Copley Account contains \$28,290.37, and the Endowment Account contains, \$1,248,783.42

Director's Report: Focus on procedure, re: staff illness, weather, how they manage who does what. Two conduct issues: one in computer room. Librarians turned off the computers for a few days to remedy situation. Unfortunate odor from patron. How to deal with this in a thoughtful non-offensive way? Back door was repaired. New sign/flag on porch. In need of volunteers for Saturdays. Statistics are positive between 2023 and ytd 2024. The Board retreat will be scheduled next month.

Friends' Report:. Working on a speaker for week of Friends' Annual Meeting.

Old Business: New meeting times. Tabled until May meeting.

Board Retreat: May or June (vote on Doodle)

New Business: None

Policy Review: Thoughts about having sub-committees on policy issues and changes
The Board will discuss creating sub-committees in future meetings.

Selection Policy Discussion: Vermont House is in discussion S-220 library legislations proposed to change language on several statutes. In particular, public safety, access to information 16 and over get adult cards, Vt dept of libraries suggests it is changed to 12-

year-olds. Asking for **all** libraries to be required to have selection policy. Loren and Molly attended Library Legislative Day on April 9th. The goal is to develop and improve library and information services in Vermont. Public safety in libraries, reconsideration of library materials that promote the principles of free speech, access to information, and reinstating a School Library Consultant Agency.

ILL Policy: Our policy is dependent on Vermont's state ILL Program. No changes need to be made.

Trustee Terms Ending: Both Kim (Secretary) and Charlotte have completed three, three-year terms. Three candidates for the open positions will be meeting with the Select Board this month. The new positions will begin in May 2024.

Volunteer Luncheon: June 5th or June 12th, gift for volunteers, bumper sticker or magnets or beanies. Approx. 30 people. Motion on \$1500. Motion passed. Kim & Anna.

Next Meeting: May 9th 8 a.m.

Adjournment: 5:25 pm

It's been an honor to be part of the Board of Trustees these last nine years.
All the best in future endeavors.

Kim